

SENIOR SEND-OFF



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Quarterback **Carson Coffman** (above) and running back **Daniel Thomas** (below) are two of 22 K-State seniors who will play their final home game this weekend. The Wildcats will look for their sixth win when they take on Texas at Snyder Family Stadium.

K-State prepares for Longhorns, last home game

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sports editor

More than just a game between perennial Big 12 Conference powers, Saturday's matchup is Senior Night for K-State, and it marks the last 2010 game at Bill Snyder Family Stadium and another shot at bowl eligibility for the Wildcats.

"It has kind of come up on us quickly," said senior quarterback Carson Coffman. "I did not expect it to be here this fast, but it is a great opportunity for myself and the rest of the seniors on this team. It is our last game in this stadium and we want to go out with a win."

Texas (4-4, 2-3 Big 12) has underachieved this year. Of course, an underachieving Longhorns team is often still better than most other teams in the country, as the school became accustomed to a spot in the top 25 for years.

Actually, the NCAA ranks K-State (5-3, 2-3) higher than Texas in all but a few select areas. The Longhorns are second in the nation in pass defense, 28th in the country in rushing defense and fifth in the nation in total defense.

"When you look at Texas this year and you see they have four losses, and they might not seem as good on paper as they have been," Coffman said. "But just watching them on film, I

think they have one of the best defenses in the nation. I think their defense is better than Nebraska's. It is going to be a tough challenge for us."

The Wildcats rank 58th in pass defense, 120th in rushing defense and 104th in total defense. So, by the numbers, Texas has been efficient in stopping its opponents, while K-State has not done so, at least not to the same degree.

However, the Wildcats had one of their best defensive performances of the season against the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

"Our defense shut them down," said K-State head coach Bill Snyder. "They are the second- or third-highest scoring team in the country, and our defense shut them out for 28 minutes. You have to be doing something right in order for that to happen and they did. Oklahoma State is a very good offensive football team. (Justin) Blackmon can certainly make a difference, but not like that."

While the Longhorns lost to Baylor — as did K-State — they held the Bears to 30 points, a few touchdowns short of what the Wildcats allowed them. Prime defenders for Texas include Sam Acho, Eddie Jones, Kheeston Randall and Keenan Robinson, who has recorded 74 tackles this season, the most on the team.

Texas's quarterback,

Garrett Gilbert, is somewhat comparable to K-State's Coffman. So far he has six passing touchdowns and nine interceptions; Coffman has thrown for scores eight times and has six picks. However, Gilbert — whose offense averages about 100 yards more through the air than on the ground — usually gets about 225 passing yards per game. Coffman — whose offense is, believe it or not, is averaging about the same amount of passing and running — tends to throw for around 180 yards per game.

"We have kind of dropped off these past couple weeks and lost some games that we probably should have won," said senior offensive lineman Zach Kendall. "We need something to motivate us, so I am just trying to do what I can. This week is a big one. We need to start winning."

The Wildcats have played the Longhorns only 10 times in history, and each team has five wins in the series. But K-State has struggled in its Big 12 South games this season, having most recently lost to Baylor in Waco, Texas, and to Oklahoma State last weekend in Manhattan.

The Longhorns are also on a two-game losing streak, but they have lost four of their last five games. Though they defeated Nebraska, to whom the Wildcats lost in embar-



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rassing fashion, they lost to UCLA and Iowa State, both of whom K-State defeated, and Oklahoma and Baylor.

Basically, these are both capable teams. Either could conceivably win this game. The teams seem to have a

similar amount of athleticism, and the result should be a competitive game.

"It is going to be tough to get that sixth win, but we just have to go out there and work hard and try to get better," said senior defensive end Antonio Felder.

BY THE NUMBERS

Numbers to consider when K-State plays the Longhorns on Saturday

1
-K-State rank in the kick return category

It may seem strange that the Wildcats are first in the nation in anything, given the fact that they have lost two games in a row now. But thanks to K-State players who play on special teams as well as offense, that's exactly where the Wildcats are. The obvious name here is William Powell. The senior running back got attention early for being a talented complement to fellow senior running back Daniel Thomas, but well-executed play by special teams units has given him the opportunity to show his skill even more. After 20 kickoff returns, Powell is averaging 33.2 yards per attempt. He isn't the only guy on offense to double on special teams, however; wide receivers Tramaine Thompson, Brodrick Smith and Aubrey Quarles have all spent time on return duty.

22
-Seniors on the K-State football team online roster

These guys will take the field at Bill Snyder Family Stadium for the last time tomorrow. According to K-State's roster on kstatesports.com, a big chunk of the Wildcats' depth chart is included in that category. Seniors compose the majority of the offensive line, as Zach Kendall, Kenneth Mayfield, Trevor Viers and Wade Weibert have led the charge this season. Quarterback Carson Coffman, longsnapper Corey Adams, kicker Josh Cherry and running backs Daniel Thomas and William Powell are seniors. Wide receivers Aubrey Quarles and Adrian Hilburn will graduate this year as well. The defensive line next year will have to replace stalwarts Prizell Brown and Antonio Felder. Next year's defense will also need to fill in holes left by defensive backs Troy Butler, Stephen Harrison and Terrance Sweeney. Maybe less known but no less essential to the team are Josh Berard, Gabe Gantz, Lucas Hamm, George Pierson, Kevin Rohleder and Jarett Wright. Hopefully the emotion of that realization can push the Wildcats over the brink and help them combine the elements we've seen flashes of throughout the season, though not all at the same time.

24
-Combined tackles by defensive backs Tysyn Hartman and Ty Zimmerman against Oklahoma State

In most of the games this season, the linebackers — Alex Hrebek, Blake Slaughter, Jarell Childs — have come out with the majority of the tackles. This game was different. As it allowed the Wildcats' defense to force two turnovers and hold one of the best offenses in the country to two touchdowns and a field, the strategy of having the safeties play up apparently worked fairly well. It will be interesting to see how the defense is set up — in addition to how successful it is — on Saturday.

438.6
-Average yards allowed by K-State

While the Wildcats' head coach Bill Snyder has said there have been plenty of missed opportunities on both sides of the ball, the defense has been scorched badly several times this season, leading to a somewhat unsettlingly high number of yards they allow opponents. Against Oklahoma State, the K-State defense only acquiesced 17 points, and that to a team that in its last game scored 41 points ... in a loss. Hopefully that's a step in the right direction.

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-Career 100-yard games for Daniel Thomas

The senior hasn't looked as good as he did in the non-conference games early in the season, for obvious reasons. However, he has shown heart in grinding out yardage even when he isn't getting eight yards on every carry. In fact, he has nearly 200 rushing attempts this season. Slowly but surely, he is racking up yardage more like he was in the first games of the year. If that trend continues, it will certainly be helpful in the Wildcats' quest for bowl eligibility.

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Long snapper Adams discusses attention to detail

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Corey Adams is a senior long snapper on the K-State football team. He has seen significant time on the field in each of his four seasons in Manhattan. He has emerged as one of the nation's best at his position, and was named a preseason All-American and player representative. Adams recently discussed a variety of topics, including proper long-snapping technique and his first collegiate mistake.

Q: Having never committed a legitimate error in your entire career, can you just put your four years into perspective?

A: I have a set routine that I go through, and I try to treat every snap like it's going to be my last. You never know; you might blow out your knee or something like that and get hurt. I'm not trying to take anything for granted. I'm just trying to do my best every time I go out there. Coach (Snyder) always talks about going 1-0 every snap, and I try to go 1-0 every rep I take.

Q: Is it nice to get some good recognition at a position that is normally only recognized when the starter makes a mistake?

A: It's always nice to get some recognition from Coach and from some other people, but I really don't mind if I get named to the All-America teams or not. I'm just trying to do my best while I'm here. I'm just trying to leave a long-lasting legacy of my performance and just trying to take care of my business on and off the field.

Q: What kind of opportunities do you see for yourself after you finish your career at K-State?

A: I hope to have a shot at the NFL. Whether it's free agency, signee or just at training camp, I just hope to get a shot. That would be a childhood dream to see one day in a camp. That would be awesome for me. If it doesn't work out, I'm getting my degree. I'm graduating in December with a degree in marketing, so I'll hopefully find a job, either with a sports team or come back here to K-State and hopefully work for the organization and the program.

Q: How did you get started at the long snapper position?

A: Actually, freshman year of high school, our coach said he needed a long snapper. I was kind of trying to be an overachiever, trying to im-

press the coaches, so I grabbed the ball with one hand and threw it between my legs, and it came out as a spiral. They made me just keep doing it over and over again. They weren't the best snaps at all; they were really slow and not the greatest, but my dad kept working with me on it, my high school coaches kept working with me and I started going to camps. The one camp that got me to the point where I am today is Chris Sailor and Chris Rubio — they put on this camp down in Las Vegas. I went there for about three years and got about five scholarship offers. That's how I got to Kansas State.

Q: Is there a specific amount of time that you try to take to get the ball out of your hands and into the hands of the punter?

A: Average college time is about .8 seconds from the time you release it to when the punter catches it. I try to aim for low sevens, high sixes. Accuracy, you want to put it on the right hip, to the best of your ability, for a right-footed punter, or the left hip for a left-footed punter. I've been working on that for the last four years, just trying to get my speed and accuracy down, along with blocking.



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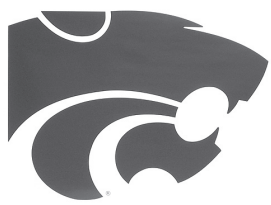
Corey Adams has started at long snapper in every game since 2007.

Q: Is there a lot going through your head right before you line up to snap the ball?

A: When I'm getting set, I'm looking at the defense — how they're going to

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MATCHING UP



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OFFENSE



Neither offense appears to have much of an advantage over its counterpart this weekend, and that's not exactly a good thing. One would expect offensive miscues from a team that's struggled to win games in recent weeks. Both teams fit that description, as K-State has lost its last two, while Texas had dropped four of its last five.

As they have been all season, the Wildcats will be led by a pair of seniors in quarterback Carson Coffman and running back Daniel Thomas. Thomas, the nation's seventh-leading rusher, needs just four yards to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark for the second time in as many seasons. He's put up some solid numbers as of late, as he's rushed for 305 yards and four touchdowns in his last three outings.

Coffman, on the other hand, took a step backwards in his last game. The native of Peculiar, Mo., threw for just 170 yards and was intercepted twice in a 24-14 loss to Oklahoma State. Even worse for Coffman, the Longhorns enter tomorrow's contest ranked fifth nationally in total defense.

As bad as things have been

for Coffman, they have been arguably worse for his Texas counterpart, sophomore Garrett Gilbert. There was plenty of hype surrounding Gilbert after his respectable showing in last year's national championship game, but his 2010 statistics have been lacking. He's thrown for 1,788 yards in his first year as a starter, but he's also thrown nine interceptions to just six touchdowns.

Gilbert hasn't received a ton of help from his receiving corps, as nobody has emerged as a go-to target this season. Senior James Kirkendoll currently leads the team with 389 yards, but he's only caught one pass in the end zone.

The Longhorns have split the workload at running back, as juniors Cody Johnson and Fozzy Whittaker have combined for 546 yards and five touchdowns.

The fact that K-State will be playing in its final home game should be enough to give the Wildcats a slight edge in this department. Thomas, Coffman and leading receiver Aubrey Quarles should have a little extra incentive to perform well, since they'll never get to play at home again.



DEFENSE



There is really no comparison on the defensive side of the ball, as this game features one of the nation's best units, as well as one of the nation's worst.

Despite their forgettable win-loss record in 2010, the Longhorns have remained solid on defense this season. Their average of 267 yards allowed is the fifth-lowest total in the country. They have been particularly strong against the pass, as they are one of just four schools allowing less than 150 yards through the air. That could mean a very long day for Coffman, who has averaged just 164.4 yards against much weaker units.

If the Wildcats want to win this one, they'll likely have to go to Thomas early and often. While it's not particularly bad, the Longhorns' run defense looks to be the weakest defensive component. Texas has allowed 119.1 rushing yards per contest and 11 total touchdowns on the ground. Those numbers seem to favor Thomas, who is averaging 124.5 yards through eight games.

Don't expect yards to come easy for the Wildcats, however, as the Longhorns' front seven includes two of the Big 12's best in defensive end Sam Acho and linebacker Keenan Robinson.

While K-State was able to hold Oklahoma State's high-powered offense to just 17 points last weekend, the Cowboys were able to pick up chunks of yards at will, as they finished the contest with 511. Fortunately for the Wildcats, Texas doesn't have the offensive firepower that Oklahoma State had, but they will still have to tighten up the screws after back-to-back collapses.

K-State received a defensive spark last week when true freshman safety Ty Zimmerman tied for the team lead with 12 tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage. The Wildcats will need more performances like Zimmerman's if they want to finish the season strong.

Long story short: K-State's defense just doesn't have the speed or athleticism to match up to its burnt-orange counterpart.



SPECIAL TEAMS



Last weekend's loss didn't do much for K-State's special teams department, as the Wildcats stumbled in several facets. Senior kicker Josh Cherry, who had been perfect this season, missed his only field goal attempt of the game. Even worse: it was from just 24 yards out.

Just one week after breaking off a 100-yard return touchdown, senior running back William Powell was held in check by the Cowboys' coverage unit. In Powell's defense, he was only given two opportunities, but he netted just 51 yards. Fortunately, K-State still leads the nation with a 28-yard average.

Sophomore punter Ryan Doerr kept his solid season rolling, as he punted six times for an average of 45.3 yards.

Longhorn kicker Justin Tucker, a junior, enjoyed a career day in Texas' loss to Baylor last weekend, as he connected on five of six field goal

attempts in the contest. He's currently 18-of-22 for the season, including a perfect mark from inside 37 yards. Tucker and senior John Gold have split the punting duties this season, and both have fared well on the stat sheet. Together, they've booted 37 punts for an average of 43.1 yards.

The Longhorns haven't received much of a spark in the return game, as their longest return of the season has gone for just 32 yards. Senior Curtis Brown and sophomore D.J. Monroe have handled most of the return duties, but neither has shown much playmaking ability.

While both teams appear evenly matched in most special teams categories, Powell's consistent explosiveness gives the Wildcats the edge in this department. If he could manage to break off another score this weekend, it would go a long way in helping K-State earn a win.

PREDICTION

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While neither squad has looked particularly good in recent weeks, there are just too many things working in the Wildcats' favor this weekend. For starters, it's a home game on national television. As if that's not enough incentive, 22 Wildcat seniors — many of them key contributors — will be playing at Snyder Family Stadium for the last time. Unlike K-State's last two opponents, the Longhorns don't have a game-changing player, which has been part of the reason for their 4-4 start to the 2010 season.

It's unlikely that this weekend's matchup will be a high-scoring affair, as neither squad possesses a very explosive offense. K-State will need another big day from Thomas and

the running game, and Coffman will have to be accident-free when he throws the ball. A special teams touchdown by Powell couldn't hurt matters, either.

The play of K-State's defense could very well decide the final outcome of this one. If the Wildcats are able to get into the backfield and force Gilbert to make mistakes, it should put them in a great position to earn their sixth win of the season. Gilbert's numbers show that he's been mistake-prone this season, and Texas doesn't have a strong enough running game to bail him out.

Bottom line: K-State has several "X-Factors" that could play into tomorrow's final outcome. Look for the Wildcats to go to Thomas as much as they can, and look for K-State to send its seniors out with a win.

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This weekend's game against Texas could go either way



Tyler Scott

K-State's offense failed to stay in the game last week and gave up a lot of opportunities to try and take the lead against Oklahoma State. The team surrendered a 10-point loss and now faces a somewhat questionable Texas Longhorn team in its last home game of the season.

The Wildcats' offense couldn't get anything going against the Cowboys, and quarterback Carson Coffman played like it was the beginning of the season; he got sacked, acted very hesitant and threw two interceptions. However, only one of them was his fault, as the other interception hit Aubrey Quarles in the breadbasket.

The defense didn't look as bad last week, but there were still instances where they had the ball in their hands and couldn't come up with a pick.

I'm not sure how this season will end up. Right now, it's not looking very bright. I know this is a tough middle-of-the-season schedule for the Wildcats, but the team hasn't been playing with a lot of effort in some of them. It has been giving up a lot of yardage and points against some teams, which were manageable ones to beat.

Texas comes into this game with an even .500 record at 4-4 and it has the same conference record as the Wildcats at 2-3. The Longhorns did beat Nebraska, but suffered heartbreaking losses to UCLA and Iowa State, both at home.

Longhorn quarterback Garrett Gilbert has thrown for over 1,700 yards, but has thrown only six touchdowns to nine interceptions. Texas' running game has also been scattered, with five guys gaining over 100 yards on the ground. The team also doesn't have a go-to receiver, as only one of them has more than one touchdown.

Texas gives up 140 rushing yards a game, which is a

positive for K-State. Daniel Thomas will get his first crack at the Longhorn front line as he only needs four yards to accumulate 1,000 for the season.

Now, back to Coffman. I know I've given him a pass in recent weeks, but his weaknesses definitely showed last week against the Cowboys. He has now been sacked 16 times this season, which is tied for second in the Big 12. I know people are getting tired of seeing him play in every game and I agree with them. I don't know why Snyder stays with this guy except for the fact he's a senior. I can only picture Wildcat Nation hollering for Justin Tuggle to put on a K-State uniform and come replace him as soon as possible.

Tuggle, a standout at Blinn Community College and a 2011 K-State commitment, will be a big help when he does arrive because he has the same skill set which K-State alumni El Roberson, Michael Bishop and Josh Freeman had.

The team is getting closer to reaching the top of the hill. After the Missouri game, the season looks to be all downhill, and the team should pick up at least one victory to earn a bowl bid. The game tomorrow will be on ESPN2, so the Wildcats are getting a second chance to try and play well in front of a national audience.

With how K-State and Texas have been playing this season, it's hard to pick a winner this week. Both teams have had its ups and downs record wise and only one playmaker on the team. The Wildcats have Daniel Thomas, while the Longhorns have Garrett Gilbert.

Again, it's a hard decision to make, but I see a few factors playing in the Wildcats' favor. It's on national television and will be a home game with a roaring crowd. If Coffman can avoid making any mistakes — and I emphasize the any — K-State could come away with a win.

I see the Wildcats pulling out a very tight win at home and earning a bowl bid for the first time since 2006.

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TEAM	RECORD	NEXT GAME
Nebraska	7-1 (3-1)	at Iowa State
Missouri	7-1 (3-1)	at Texas Tech
Iowa State	5-4 (3-2)	vs. Nebraska
K-State	5-3 (2-3)	vs. Texas
Colorado	3-5 (0-4)	at Kansas
Kansas	2-6 (0-4)	vs. Colorado

BIG 12 SOUTH STANDINGS

TEAM	RECORD	NEXT GAME
Baylor	7-2 (4-1)	at Oklahoma State
Oklahoma	7-1 (3-1)	at Texas A&M
Oklahoma State	7-1 (3-1)	vs. Baylor
Texas A&M	5-3 (2-2)	vs. Oklahoma
Texas	4-4 (2-3)	at K-State
Texas Tech	4-4 (2-4)	vs. Missouri

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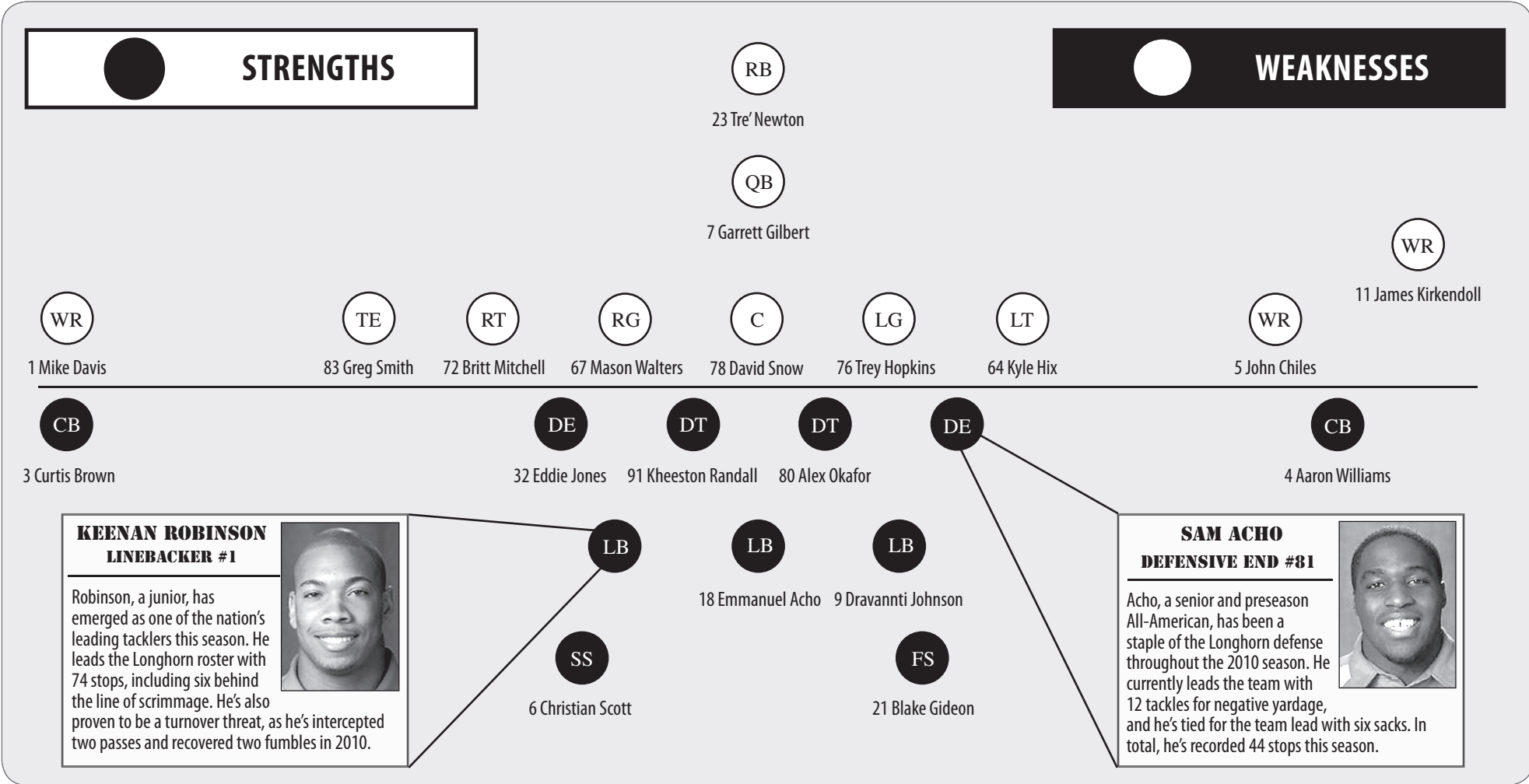
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SCOUTING REPORT





Texas Longhorns (4-4 Overall, 2-3 Big 12 Conference)

STRENGTHS

Defensive line: While their 4-4 record may not show it, it's no big secret that the Longhorns have been among the nation's elite on the defensive side of the ball. They rank fifth in the country in total defense, and it begins with their starting front four.

Senior defensive end Sam Acho has established himself as one of the top defenders in the Big 12 during his final collegiate season. In eight games, he's totaled 44 tackles, which ranks fourth on the team. He leads the squad with 12 stops behind the line of scrimmage and is tied for the team lead with six sacks in 2010.

The other Longhorn to card half a dozen sacks is fellow senior end Eddie Jones. Jones ranks third on the team with 45 stops, including 10 for negative yardage. Texas' starting defensive tackles, junior Kheeston Randall and sophomore Alex Okafor, have com-

bined for 42 total tackles, and Randall ranks second on the team with 11 tackles for loss.

This unit should provide arguably the biggest challenge of the season for K-State's rushing attack, which will have to post solid numbers if the Wildcats expect to knock off the Longhorns.

Linebacker: As good as Texas' front four has been, one could argue that the Longhorns' second line of defense has been even better, as the starting linebacking corps includes the team's two top tacklers.

Junior outside linebacker Keenan Robinson currently tops the Longhorns' roster with 74 tackles, including six for negative yardage and a pair of sacks. He garnered national attention after a 19-tackle performance against Oklahoma on Oct. 2. He's also played a significant role in the turnover department, as he's recovered two fumbles and intercepted two passes this

season.

Middle linebacker Emmanuel Acho, a junior and brother of defensive end Sam Acho, is second behind Robinson with 57 stops. Nine of those tackles have come behind the line, and he's also recorded two sacks in 2010. Fellow junior Dravannti Johnson, who starts opposite Robinson, has carded 16 stops.

Secondary: Despite putting together what has been a lackluster record in 2010, Texas has flourished against opponents' passing attack, as the Longhorns' rank second nationally in pass defense.

The starting cornerbacks, senior Curtis Brown and junior Aaron Williams, haven't made things easy for receivers this season. The duo has combined for 14 pass break-ups this season. Both have shown they can be turnover threats as well, as Williams has forced three fumbles while Brown took an intercep-

tion for 74 yards earlier this year.

Texas has also received solid production from its starting safeties in juniors Christian Scott and Blake Gideon. They have combined for 78 tackles and have each intercepted a pass this season. That could mean a long day for K-State's passing attack, which struggled mightily last weekend against a much weaker Oklahoma State pass defense.

WEAKNESSES

Quarterback: Texas fans have been spoiled in recent years, as their offense was run by one of the nation's top signal callers in Colt McCoy. But, with McCoy now in the NFL, the Longhorns are still trying to bounce back.

Sophomore Garrett Gilbert, who saw a lot of action in last year's national title game, has racked up 1,788 passing yards during his first full season as

a starter, but he's thrown nine interceptions to just six touchdowns. The lack of production hasn't entirely been Gilbert's fault — he hasn't had the most reliable targets to throw to — but he's been very sporadic this season. K-State will heavily increase its chances of winning if it can get into the backfield and force Gilbert to make some mistakes this weekend.

Running back: Production has suffered in the ground game as well, as no Texas ball carrier has eclipsed the 300-yard mark this season. Junior running back currently leads the team with 286 yards and three touchdowns, and fellow junior Fozzy Whittaker has contributed 264 yards and two scores, but Texas is averaging just 140.6 yards per game as a team.

Offensive line: Inexperience has been an issue for the Longhorns' starting front five, as the unit includes two freshmen in

right guard Mason Walters and left guard Trey Hopkins. The offensive line has had trouble containing opposing defenses this season, and it's been reflected on the stat sheet. Texas quarterbacks have been sacked 11 times in 2010, and the Longhorns are averaging just 4.1 yards per carry.

Tight end: Texas' roster includes a four-year letterman in senior tight end Greg Smith, but experience hasn't done much to help Smith's numbers this season. He has only caught eight passes for 54 yards and has yet to score a touchdown.

Wide receiver: Part of the reason for Gilbert's struggles has been the Texas receiving corps. Senior James Kirkendoll leads the team with 31 catches for 389 yards, but the Longhorns don't really have a go-to guy. No receiver has more than two touchdowns this season.

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rush, if it looks like they're going to hold up or if they're going to come after it. Once I get my hands set and I look through my legs, I'm just worried about doing my mechanics I've been taught ever since I was a freshman in high school. I'm just trying to do the same thing every time, like riding a bike.

Q: The penalty called on you last weekend was obviously the first of your career. What was it for?

A: Braden (Wilson) was making an audible to what kind of kick we were going to run, and I was really antsy to snap the ball because the play

clock was winding down. I thought he was giving me the cadence to snap it, but he was really calling an audible. I kind of twitched. I was really hoping the refs wouldn't catch it, but they did. I won't try to hide that mistake; I did make it.

Q: How annoyed were you with yourself after making that mistake?

I'd say I was the most angry person in the stadium at that point. I was really mad at myself. I came off to the sideline and gave me crap, like 'oh my God, first mistake.' It was bound to happen eventually.

Q: Do you think about having never made a bad snap since you've been here?

A: I really don't think about it, no. I just try to do the same thing every time, and that's been treating me well so far. I'm more worried about not messing up my technique, because if you do your technique right, the snap is going to be there. We just try to stay loose. You can't get too tight in a game, or else you pretty much screw yourself in your mind.


Q: Can you talk about the difference between snapping for a field goal and snapping for a punt?

A: As far as the field goal, the play is over in about one and a half seconds. You've just got to snap and get big, not get blown up and let someone through. With a punt, there's a lot more to it. You've got to snap, block

and run down in coverage and try to make a tackle. Luckily, (Ryan) Doerr has been doing a great job with the hangtime, letting people get down there and forcing fair catches. The attention to detail is a lot more on the field goal snap. You want to get the laces up for the holder, put it on his back knee so he can set it right down. The punter has a little more room to move around. There's a little bit more of a margin for error on punt snaps.

Q: Do you prefer one type of snap over the other?

A: If we're winning, I'd prefer field goal snaps. I mean, it really doesn't matter. It's fun going out on the field and just getting to play.



An inside look at
Corey Adams

#42

DATE OF BIRTH: JULY 26, 1989


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